

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

**HELP NEEDED:**

To those wishing to contribute to the medical fund for Pastor Steven Karp,

As you may know, Pastor Steven Karp has been stricken with cancer and a recent test has shown that his two rounds of treatment have not eliminated all the cancer cells, and furthermore, the cancer has been found deeper in the tissue lining than previously observed. It is clear that Pastor Karp will have mounting medical bills. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has already provided budgeted medical funds toward his initial treatment and is asking its individual members to contribute further.

Others outside our congregation may also wish to help financially. Our Council has recently approved a new fund for the exclusive purpose of contributing toward Pastor Karp's medical expenses. If you would like

to contribute to this fund, either make checks payable to "St. Stephen Lutheran Church" and in the memo section of the check, write "St. Stephen Medical Fund" and mail them to: St. Stephen Lutheran Church

21290 Birch Street  
Hayward, CA 94541

(Or make them out to Peace Thru Christ and in the memo section write "St. Stephen Medical Fund" and our treasurer will send the amounts on.)

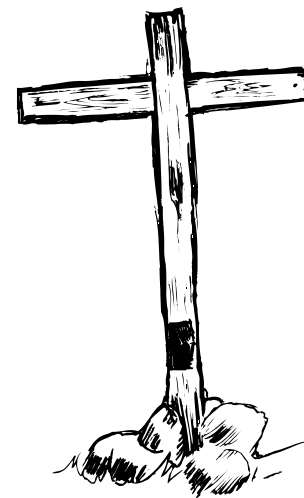
May we also continue to make appeals to God in prayer that He would remove this infirmity from Pastor Karp, for as James says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

(James 5:16)

Sincerely in Christ,

Timothy Blank, President of St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay

**WHO WE ARE:** Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church whose aim is to uphold the Biblical teachings and Christian values which God restored to the world through the Lutheran Reformation some 490 years ago. We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ's redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God's holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal



# Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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*Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 16*

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## Scripture Readings:

### Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Because of sin our bodies grow old. We lose our abilities to hear, see and eat properly. The last years of many people are often marked by failing health, unreasonable fears, and a loss of faculties. That is why Solomon says, now, in your youth remember your Creator, when you are still able to serve Him with the best of your abilities and talents.

*1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": 2 While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain; 3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim; 4 When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low. 5 Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets. 6 Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well. 7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

### John 4:19-26

True worship of our God is from the heart. We worship our Lord in Spirit and truth, not with lips and hands but with heart and soul. May our worship never become mechanical, empty or habitual but fervent and alive, and be willing to listen and to learn.

*19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is*

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### CAMPBELL LABELS:

Don't forget to keep those Campbell labels for school supplies.

### CLC NEWS:

Pastor Dave Fuerstenau has returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI. Pastor Eric Libby has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye MN, & Faith Lutheran, New Ulm MN. Pastor David Naumann has returned the call to St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID. Pastor Daniel Fleischer has retired from the public ministry. CLC President John Schierenbeck has appointed Pastor Vance Fossum to fulfill his term as visitor of the South-Eastern Conference.

### CASSEROLE SUPPER SIGN-UP:

If you are planning on coming to the Casserole Supper Wednesday, March 3rd, please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Supper will run from 5:30-6:40 p.m.

### LENTEN WORSHIP:

33 souls came last Wednesday to hear about our Savior's suffering for us. We learned that it is our greatest sorrow that we cannot help our Savior in His suffering but it is also our greatest joy that we cannot help Him. He is God incarnate who alone suffered and died for us to pay for the guilt and punishment of our sins. Where in the world is God in our Savior's solitude?

God the Father forsook His Son, but God the Son hung on the cross as full payment for all of our sins. You are invited to come this Wednesday to hear about our Savior's rejection by His own (Matt. 26:57-68)

This year's theme is: Where in the world is God...?

**Feb. 24th** In the Savior's rejection by His own (Matt. 26:57-68)---Pastor Bernthal

**March 3** In the Savior's rejection by the world (John 18:33-19:1)---Preacher: M. Eichstadt

**March 10** In the Savior's stumbling (Mark 15:17-21)---Preacher: Pastor Bernthal

**March 17** In the Savior's sighs (Luke. 22:39-46)---Preacher: Dave Baker

**March 24** In the Savior's words of power (Luke. 23:32-43)---Pastor Bernthal

### During Holy Week

we will continue our theme on: Where in the World is God?

**Mauddy Thursday, April 1st:** In the Savior's feast (Matt. 26:26-30)

**Good Friday, April 2nd:** In the Savior's promises (John 19:31-37)

**Easter Sunday, April 4th:** In the Savior's triumph (Matt. 28:1-10)

We pray that the Holy Spirit move you to commit to take advantage of these special opportunities to hear God's Word and worship your suffering Savior.

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### **This Week:**

#### **Before Church:**

**Sunday School:** Jesus and the Little Children  
**Bible Class:** Acts 14

**Today** 11:10 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

**Monday** NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Lent II

8:15 p.m. Choir

**Friday** 7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

#### **Next Sunday**

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir

#### **LAST SUNDAY:**

Worship 57 S.S. 10 Bible Class 11  
Lent 1 33

#### **OFFERINGS 2/14 & 17/10**

for Unified Budget: \$2,102

Parsonage Windows/Siding \$25

MDF—Mission Development Fund \$25

#### **FEBRUARY LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN**

is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

#### **NEEDED:**

We are looking for someone who would like to help deliver sermons to the two Truck Stops when Bruce Templeton is unavailable. The Truck Stops are on Hwy 51 & I-94.

#### **NEEDED:**

We are looking for several people to help distribute Lenten Flyers advertising our Mid-Week Lenten Services. If you can help, please see Evangelism Chairman John Gerbitz

#### **NEW WEBSITE:**

Matt Schaser has produced a new Website for our congregation. He will be presenting the Website and explaining its uses at our Evangelism Meeting after church today. We encourage all members to stay for this presentation and we thank Matt for his work.

#### **NOTES ON ECCLESIASTES:**

Ecclesiastes is a profound and problematic book. It is the record of an intense search by the Preacher (Solomon) for meaning, purpose and satisfaction in life—in spite of the iniquities, inconsistencies, and seeming absurdities of life on earth!

The key word in Ecclesiastes is “vanity,” the futile emptiness of trying to make sense out of life apart from God. Looked at “under the sun,” life’s pursuits and pleasures lead only to frustration and emptiness. Power, prestige, pleasure—nothing can fill the God-shaped void in man’s heart and life except God Himself. But seen from God’s perspective, life becomes meaningful and fulfilling. Doubt and despair melt away when each day is viewed as a gift from God to enjoy.

*coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”*

## The Sermon:

**Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

**THEME: HOW REAL IS OUR WORSHIP?**

**I: DO WE COME READY TO HEAR?**

**II. ARE OUR VOWS BEING FULFILLED?**

*1 Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. 2 Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. 3 For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool’s voice is known by his many words. 4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— 5 Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. 6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.*

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### **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We are grateful to our Lord that you are worshiping your Savior with us this morning. We pray that your worship is from the heart, hearing His Word and repenting of your sins. Jesus is our only Salvation. Come; worship your Savior with us again. If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about your Savior or our congregation, please feel free to speak with Pastor Bernthal.